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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE DISPATCHED MAY 12 BY UNHCR SAD-
RUDDIN AGA KHAN TO GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES AND
INDONESIA. TEXT TO ALL IDENTICAL EXCEPT NAME OF COUNTRY.

QUOTE: THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (COUNTRY)

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE SERIOUS SITUATION CAUSED BY THE
ARRIVAL IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE FROM SOUTH
VIETNAM, WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN IN RECENT WEEKS
AND WHOSE TOTAL NUMBER CAN BE ESTIMATED AS WELL OVER ONE HUNDRED
THOUSAND PERSONS. FURTHERMORE, CAMBODIANS IN SMALLER NUMBERS HAVE
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ALSO RECENTLY LEFT THEIR COUNTRY AND ARE TO BE FOUND IN SIMILAR

CIRCUMSTANCES. I UNDERSTAND THAT A NUMBER OF THESE PERSONS HAVE ALSO ARRIVED OR MAY ARRIVE IN (COUNTRY). THESE VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS, SINGLE PERSONS AND FAMILY GROUPS, REQUIRE DURABLE SETTLEMENT OR RESETTLEMENT IN A COUNTRY WHERE THEY COULD START A NEW LIFE AND BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOUR GOVERNMENT COULD GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO REQUESTS WHICH WOULD BE MADE BY THESE VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS, EITHER FOR DURABLE RESIDENCE IN (COUNTRY) OR IF THEY DESIRE TO RESETTLE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, FOR TEMPORARY ASYLUM IN YOUR COUNTRY DURING SUCH TIME AS IS NEEDED TO ENABLE THEM TO FIND, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MY OFFICE, SUCH RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

IN VIEW OF THE WIDE SCATTERING OF THESE GROUPS OF VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS, IT IS MORE THAN LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE REQUESTS FOR FAMILY REUNION, AND I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE GOVERNMENT OF (COUNTRY) COULD ALSO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE ADMISSION OF FAMILY MEMBERS WISHING TO JOIN RELATIVES WHO WOULD HAVE RECEIVED, IN THE MEANTIME, DURABLE OR TEMPORARY ASYLUM IN (COUNTRY).

AS TO VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS WHO EXPRESS THE WISH TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOUR GOVERNMENT COULD BRING SUCH CASES TO MY ATTENTION, SO THAT APPROPRIATE REQUESTS CAN BE TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

MY OFFICE IS AVAILABLE TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF (COUNTRY) IN ORDER TO TRY AND SOLVE THE MANIFOLD INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. I TRUST THAT THE REPLY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW THE WELL ESTABLISHED HUMANITARIAN TRADITIONS OF (COUNTRY) AND, ON THE BASIS OF YOUR REPLY, I AM PREPARED TO PRESENT TO YOUR GOVERNMENT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION, EITHER BY REQUESTING MY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA TO VISIT (CAPITAL) OR BY ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE CHANNELS.

END QUOTE.DALE

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